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SUBJECT: VISIT OF BRITISH ARMS SALES SHIP TO THE GULF

1. DAILY TELEGRAPH CARRIED STORY SEPTEMBER 18 THAT BRITISH ARMS-SALES DEMONSTRATOR SHIP, THE TARBATNESS (A ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARY), WOULD TOUR THE GULF NEXT MONTH. ON CHECKING WITH FCO SEPTEMBER 24 WE LEARNED SHIP HAS JUST COMPLETED ITS GULF TOUR WITH STOP IN DUBAI, HAVING PREVIOUSLY STOPPED IN KUWAIT AND DOHA. NO OTHER STOPS SCHEDULED IN GULF (OR IN IRAN).

2. FCO SOURCES TOLD US THEY KNOW OF NO SPECIAL RESULTS OF TRIP, WHICH THEY VIEWED AS ROUTINE EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE PURCHASE OF VARIETY OF BRITISH ARMAMENTS. THEY ALSO POINTED OUT THAT VISIT HAD UNFORTUNATELY COINCIDED WITH DEPARTURES (FOR UK, AMONG OTHER PLACES) OF UAE AND QATAR CHIEFS OF STATE (COMMENT: A DEVELOPMENT WE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT BRITISH MIGHT HAVE FORESEEN). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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